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The Honorable Greg Nickels  
Mayor, City of Seattle  
600 Fifth Avenue, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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Attn: Regina LaBelle

Re: Gary Zarker's reappointment

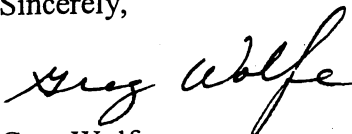
My name is Greg Wolfe and I am writing in support of Gary Zarker's reconfirmation as Seattle City Light Superintendent. I have been employed in various positions in the energy industry (engineering, production, consulting and marketing) since 1982. I have worked in the oil and gas, coal mining, and electric power marketing segments of the industry and have served on the Northwest Power Pool Board of Directors.

I have dealt directly with Seattle City Light employees under Gary Zarker's leadership since 1995 in wholesale electric power transactions, electric power transmission, and industry meetings including the Northwest Power Pool and Western Systems Power Pool. During this time I have worked alongside Seattle City Light power managers, engineers, analysts, schedulers, traders, marketers, and customers. I have found Seattle City Light personnel to represent some of the brightest in the industry, focused on providing safe, reliable, and cost effective delivery of electricity to Seattle area residents and businesses. Few organizations have personnel with such consistency across the many facets of their business. No doubt, this is due to the strong leadership, clear goals, and effective execution of business plans that Gary Zarker and his management team provide.

In particular, Seattle City Light's execution of long- and short-term power transactions, both before and during the western power crisis of 2000-2001, provided significant economic benefits to Seattle City Light customers. The environmentally driven sale of the Centralia power plant required quick execution of long term replacement contracts to protect customers financially. In the face of unprecedented market prices, Seattle City Light's decision to approach its retail customers for short term load reductions not only helped mitigate the crisis locally, but also kept funds in the Seattle area. This proactive strategy of reducing electricity demand avoided the "supply at any cost" situation that led other utilities to enter into multi-year high priced supply agreements. Although the region's large hydro generation base combined with unpredictable annual precipitation will continue to provide challenges, Seattle City Light will continue to be prepared to meet them under Gary Zarker's leadership.

Based upon my many observations and interactions with employees at Seattle City Light involving many industry issues over the past eight years, I encourage your support of Gary Zarker's reconfirmation as Seattle City Light Superintendent. His continued role will no doubt provide Seattle City Light residential and business customers the continued service and financial benefits from the leadership that he and his management team bring.

Sincerely,



Greg Wolfe